## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 974

## By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joseph Charles Smith, 2010 Valedictorian of Gateway Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Charles Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Gateway Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Joseph Charles Smith has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joseph has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and a score of thirty-five on his ACT while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's many artistic talents are seen both through his participation in choir and through his guitar and vocal abilities. Also a gifted athlete, Joseph Smith displayed athletic prowess in football, soccer, and karate; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Smith has performed many hours of community service while volunteering at Children's Camp and serving as a tutor; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he was recognized as a member of the National Honor Society and he earned a first place medal at the Math Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Charles Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success: and

WHEREAS, Joseph's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Smith, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Charles Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Gateway Christian School Valedictorian, Joseph Charles Smith, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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